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WEDNESDAY
JUNE 2, 1954

André de Staercke and I came down together from Brussels on the 11:00 o'clock train, arriving in Paris at 2:30.

I went straight to the office and was at once plunged into a state of complete confusion by telephone calls from London and elsewhere regarding the Ambassadors' meeting, which I thought had been scheduled for June 14. Winthrop has formed the plan of having it the preceding week in London, from which he cannot absent himself because of a dance he is giving for Princess Margaret on the 9th and the Queen's birthday on the 10th. The whole thing is now rather balled up.

I talked to Bowie in Washington on the telephone today and told him something of the progress I thought had been made at Brussels. I sent the following telegram to the Department about my visit there:

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"Department limit distribution strictly. Brussels Eyes Only Ambassador.

"Had dinner in Brussels last night with Spaak, de Staercke and Rothschild (Spaak's Chef de Cabinet).

"Spaak thinks votes now available in French Assembly to pass EDC and that recent favorable events such as MRP and Socialist Congress and by-elections in Pas de Calais and Maine-et-Loire make it desirable and imperative for every effort be made to bring matter to vote in French Parliament soonest possible before this new impetus has spent its force.

"Spaak thinks Laniel too immobile temperamentally to take such action unless hard pressed. Suggests Teitgen be given until Wednesday June 9 to get Saar agreement concluded. Meanwhile, has instructed de Staercke to tell Alphand Belgian Government wishes dispose of protocol affair, and suggest meeting first of Directing Committee EDC/IC to settle procedure and then of six Foreign Ministers

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to affix signatures. Ministers' meeting might provide opportunity Adenauer and Bidault or Laniel to conclude and sign Saar agreement.

"If by middle of June French Government has not disposed of above two conditions and definitely fixed early date for EDC debate, Spaak proposes to communicate with Secretary on subject discussed by them in Geneva - namely what constructive action might be taken by Benelux, German, British and American Governments to bring French to their political senses. BRUCE."

Tonight the Nitzes and the Thayers came to dinner. Paul had been in Holland for the conference arranged by Prince Bernhard in which many of the problems of the world were discussed. This was the same one that was attended by George Perkins, John Ferguson, Barry Bingham, et al. We had a fine time with the Nitzes and Thayers, and I had a long talk with them about international affairs and complications.

As a record for my future reference, the following are the household accounts for wages for the month of May:

Servants' Salaries for the Month of May 1954

		Salary	Ass.Soc.
Concierge	Isabelle Jourgeon	4,000 frs.	2,523 frs.
Butler	Fernand Chauvin	12,000 frs.	
Valet	Robert Espert	25,000 frs.	2,884 frs.
Maid	Denise Janicot	35,000 frs.	2,523 frs.
2nd Maid	Micheline Brunet	20,000 frs.	2,523 frs.
Chef	Lucien Massy	35,000 frs.	2,884 frs.
2nd Kitchen	Guy Cambron	18,000 frs.	2,884 frs.
Driver	Eugène Pavnitzky	8,000 frs.	
Nurse	Miss Stephenson	75,000 frs. (includes 2,523 frs. previous unpaid salary at 50,000 frs. per month)	
Robert's Wife: 20 hours at 150 frs		3,000 frs.	
Paid for Melle:			
Salary 2 weeks May		7,000 frs.	
Food " " " (400 frs. a day)		5,600 frs.	
Ticket to Paris		4,715 frs.	
Ticket to Geneva		4,715 frs.	
Extra on April Salary		2,240 frs.	
Carried Forward		259,270 frs.	18,724 frs.

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